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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 July 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1 – 3, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kokubo (US 2003/0119562).

With respect to claim 1, Kokubo disclose a portable communication apparatus **100**, comprising: a) first housing **160** including an open space surrounding display **142** and a pair of hinge supports **140**, the open space having at least one opening, the hinge supports extending longitudinally and surrounding opposite sides of the open space, the first housing having a first upper surface (keypad) and a first lower surface (battery);

b) a hinge axis extending across the open space, paragraph [0039];

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c) a second housing **120** including a first display **122 [0038]**, the second housing connected to the first housing **160** and rotatable about the hinge axis between an open position and a closed position with respect to the first housing; and

d) a third housing surrounding including a second display **142**, extending in a longitudinal direction of the second housing **120** to be accommodated in the open space to enable the third housing to rotate about the hinge axis **140**,

e) the second display **142** being exposed and facing about the first upper surface (keypad) when the second housing is at the open position **Fig.1A**, the second display **142** being exposed and facing the first lower surface when the second housing is at the closed position. **Fig.1B**

With respect to claim 2, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus **100** according to claim 1, wherein the first housing **160** on the first upper surface (keypad) a plurality of keys and a microphone **108**, and the second housing **120** has a lower surface including a speaker device **104**.

With respect to claim 3, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus **100** according to claim 1, wherein the third housing surrounding second display **142** is integrally connected to the second housing **120**.

With respect to claim 5, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus **100**, comprising: a first housing **160** including an open space between the pair of hinge

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supports in hinge module **140**, the open space having at least one opening, the hinge supports extending longitudinally and surrounding opposite sides of the open space, the first housing having a first upper surface (keypad) and a first lower surface (battery);

a hinge axis extending across the open space;

a second housing **120** including a first display **122** and a second display **142**, the second housing **120** connected to the first housing **160** and rotatable about the hinge axis between an open position **Fig.1A** and a closed position **Fig.1B** with respect to the first housing **160**,

wherein the second display **142** being exposed and facing about the first upper surface when the second housing **120** is at the open position, the second display **142** being exposed and facing the first lower surface when the second housing is at the closed position.

With respect to claim 6, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus **100** according to claim 5, wherein the first housing **160** has on the first upper surface a plurality of keys **162** and a microphone **108**, and wherein the second housing **120** has a second lower surface including a speaker device **104**.

4. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubo (US 2003/0119562 A1) in view of Kido (US 2001/0016508).

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With respect to claim 4, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, however Kokubo does not specifically disclose wherein a third lower surface of the third housing protrudes from the lower surface in a stepped shape.

The Kido reference however discloses a secondary display **102** located on a third housing unit **109** wherein the third housing is protruding from the lower surface of the second housing **105**.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement a protruding surface to house the secondary display as disclosed by Kido in order to properly view the display while the apparatus is in the "closed" position.

With respect to claim 8, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus according to claim 5, however Kokubo does not disclose a bottom portion of the second housing protrudes from the second lower surface with a stepped shape.

The Kido reference however discloses a secondary display **102** located on a third housing unit **109** wherein the third housing is protruding from the lower surface of the second housing **105**.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement a protruding surface to house the secondary display as disclosed by Kido in order to properly view the display while the apparatus is in the "closed" position.

The Kokubo and Kido references are analogous art because both references disclose electronic apparatuses, which are of the foldable type.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Chan whose telephone number is (571) 272-0570. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (9AM - 5PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571)272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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